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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, SU

SUBJECT: ROKG TO ESTABLISH CONGEN IN SUDAN

REF: SEOUL 3029

1. ACTING CONGEN YEON HO CHOE (FROM SEOUL) AND VICE CONSUL
CHONG MOO LEE (FROM CAIRO) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR APRIL 27
TO BRIEF HIM RE STATUS ESTABLISHMENT NEW ROKG CONGEN HERE.
THEY STATED NO REPEAT NO ROK "ECMNOMIC DELEGATION" NOW KHARTOUM
BUT ADMITTED THERE WERE NUMBER OF "PRIVATE KOREAN BUSINESSMEN"
HERE. YEON SAID HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY BOTH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI
AND VP BAGHIR AND THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED APRIL 21
FOR ESTABLISHMENT ROKG CONGEN. DESCRIBING SOUTH KOREA AS
"POOR COUNTRY", YEON SAID ROKG WOULD NOT BE ABLE EXTEND
MUCH AID HERE BUT HE THOUGHT SUDANESE HOPED TO BENFIT FROM
EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY OF PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN AND KOREAN
CONTRACTORS, SOME OF LATTER ALREADY BEING ACTIVE IN SAUDI
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ARABIA. AMBASSADOR WELCOMED REPRESENTATIVES AND SAID STAFF

WOULD BE HAPPY EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO YEON/CHONG IN THEIR EFFORTS LOCATE OFFICE SPACE AND RESIDENCE (REAL ESTATE MARKET HERE EXCEEDINGLY TIGHT). YEON EXPRESSED THANKS AND SAID HE HAD ALREADY ENLISTED INTERVENTION OF FONOFF PROTOCOL IN FINDING THEM APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS (THESE ALSO TIGHT).

2. SOMEWHAT BELYING HIS OSTENSIBLE HOUSEKEEPING ROLE, YEON MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF ASKING AMBASSADOR REGARDING OUTCOME OF RECENT VISIT HERE OF SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF (KHARTOUM 1027, NOTAL) AND EXTENT ACTIVITY OF "COMMUNISTS" AND "SOCIALISTS" HERE. IN REPLY, POINT WAS STRESSED THAT, WHILE COMMUNISTS ARE OUTLAWED, ENTIRE GOVERNMENT IS NOMINALLY SOCIALIST SINCE ALL ARE MEMBERS OF SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION. ROKG REPS WERE CAUTIONED THAT LABELS DID NOT ALWAYS MEAN WHAT THEY APPEARED TO MEAN IN SUDAN AND THAT REGIME WAS IN FACT ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING PRIVATE SECTOR.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY FIRST LEARNED OF YEON'S ARRIVAL THROUGH ADNAN KHASHOGGI'S LOCAL TRIAD REPSN LENDING CREDENCE TO ROKG'S STORY ABOUT ITS FIRST CONTACT WITH GOS. GENESIS KOREAN INITIATIVE PLUS YEON'S QUESTIONS ALSO SUGGEST AN ELEMENT OF ROKG INTELLIGENCE INTEREST. WE HOPE NEW CONGEN WILL PROMPT INTEREST IN ROK AS BUYER OF SUDANESE EXPORT CROPS, NOTABLY LONG STAPLE COTTON, AND NOT BECOME SOURCE OF UNSOPHISTICATED REPORTING ON SUDANESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD THEN BE FUNNELED TO SAUDIS THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS.
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